(c) by when these employees would be given these benefits as given to other regular employees as per the directions of the Hon'ble Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat has only upheld the award of the CGIT for reinstatement of two casual labourers and not ordered for reinstatement of these casual labourers as regular employees.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Nuclear Test By North Korea

4631. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reaction of Government to North Korea's recent successful nuclear test and on the effects of nuclear proliferation in the country;

(b) the action Government are contemplating to check this effect; and

(c) the progress with regard to the action taken/to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Government issued a statement on 9 October 2006 stating, "We are deeply concerned at the reported nuclear test conducted by the DPRK. It is unfortunate that the DPRK has conducted such a test in violation of its international commitments, jeopardising peace, stability and security on the Korean Peninsula and in the region. The test also highlights the dangers of clandestine proliferation. We are monitoring the situation and are in close touch with several countries."

(b) and (c) Government are implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1718, which imposed certain restrictive measures on DPRK following the test. Government also support the six party talks to achieve the objective of denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula, an objective that DPRK has itself endorsed. International efforts to implement the understandings reached in the six-party talks on denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula are continuing.